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For : SELF-ADHERING FRICTION  
REDUCING LINER AND METHOD OF  
USE

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Prior to the first Official Action, it is respectfully requested that the following amendments be made.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please add the following on Page 1, immediately after the title:

This application is a Divisional of United States Patent Application No. 09/094,888, filed June 15, 1998 and claims the benefit of priority of that application.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at Page 2, Line 15 and ending at Page 2, line 25 with the following paragraph:

This invention is primarily aimed at reducing and preventing shear trauma from many repetitions of short duration skin loadings, but eliminating shear tractions even in low repetition, long-duration loadings is of value. Research shows that even capillary blood flow is affected strongly by whether or not